1	2	3	4	5	6
4	Maharashtra State Mining Co. Ltd.	Maha-rashtra	3	0	2
5	Mysore Minerals Ltd.	Karnataka	84	30	221
6	National Mineral Development Co. Ltd.	Chattisgarh	8650	10763	11386
	-do-	Karnataka	2996	3038	3668
7	Orissa Mineral Deve. Corp. Ltd.	Orissa	95	68	113
8	Orissa Mining Crop. Ltd.	Orissa	926	982	835
9	Steel Authority of India Ltd. (including IISCO)	Chattisgarh	9058	8280	8151
	-do-	Jharkhand	7808	7222	6952
	-do-	Orissa	4143	4231	5076
10	Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	Karnataka	125	119	120

(P): Provisional; ++: Negligible; NA: Not Available

(b) and (c) There has been considerable decline in the production of ore by KIOCL in 2000-01 as compared to 1999-2000 because of leakage in the slurry pipeline due to which the company could not operate its plant for two months in 2000-01.

Disinvestment of AI and IA

*3. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to disinvest Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of bidders who have submitted the tender, so far; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to safeguard the interests of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The details regarding disinvestment in Air India (AI) and Indian Airlines (IA) are as under:—

Air India

1. Government Decision:—

(i) Government equity to be brought down to 40%.

(ii) 40% of the equity to be disinvestment in favour of Strategic Partner (SP).

(iii) Upto 10% of the equity to be offered to employees and the balance by sale to financial institutions and/or on the share market.

(iv) Foreign holding in case of Strategic Partner not to exceed 26% of the total equity.

2. 9 offers from prospective bidders were received against advertisement inviting Expressions of Interest. 6 out of these parties met pre-qualification criteria of minimum net worth and all these parties were given Bid Packs. 4 out of these 6 parties did not submit the Initial Technical Proposal in response to the Request for Proposal. Thus, only 2 parties who remained in the process carried out due diligence/data room study and submitted comments on the draft Share Purchase Agreement and Shareholders Agreements.

3. The provisions in the Agreements for safeguarding the interest of the workers are:—

> Recital—All employees on the Closing Date to continue in employment of the Company, SP to use best efforts to provide adequate job opportunities for SC/ST, physically handicapped persons and other socially disadvantaged sections of society.
>
> SP and AI to ensure that employees have option for voluntary retirement on terms not less favourable than the voluntary retirement scheme of Department of Public Enterprises.

Indian Airlines

1. Government Decision:—

(i) Government equity to be brought down to 49%.

(ii) 26% equity to be sold to a Strategic Partner.

(iii) 25% equity to be sold to Domestic Financial institutions, employees and other investors.

(iv) Limit of Foreign holding would be 40% of SP's equity.

2. 6 offers from prospective bidders were received against advertisement inviting Expressions of Interest. 4 out of these parties met pre-qualification criteria of minimum net worth and all these parties were given Bid Packs. 2 out of these 4 parties did not submit the Initial technical Proposal in response to the Request for Proposal. Thus, only 2 parties who remained in the process carried out due diligence/data room study.

3. The Agreements have not yet been firmed up. However, necessary provisions in the Agreements for safeguarding the interest of the workers will be kept on the lines as have been stated above in the case of Air India.

Inclusion of Sub-Communities in SC, ST and OBC Category in Manipur

*4. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of sub-communities which are included in the SC, ST and OBC category in Manipur;

(b) whether Government have received any communication from the State of Manipur for inclusion of certain sub-communities in the list of SCs, STs and OBCs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The list of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled